Song and Drama Division

1262. SHRI AMAR SINGH:

SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Committee of Secretaries at its meeting held on April 28, 2004, felt that there was no justification for the existence of the Song and Drama Division and the Department of Field Publicity;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) The Committee of Secretaries in its meeting held on 28th April, 2004, *inter alia* decided that the Field Publicity and Song and Drama Division shall be closed down and the Photo Division, Publications Division and Films Division shall be downsized substantially.

(c) The matter is proposed to be discussed again in the Committee of Secretaries after completion of a detailed review of the various issues and options.

Development of film industry

†1263. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether annual pace of development of film industry has been satisfactory during the last years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the country can earn huge foreign

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.